

The American Legion

News: Local, State, National

Opposition Is Developing Among Legionnaires to Proposed Civil Service Reformation Amendment

Manhattan Naval Post To Fight Erwin Bergdall's Attempt To Be Released From Prison

Civil service reform for war veterans is a question now occupying much of the attention of members of the American Legion in New York State, and while the department has placed itself on record as approving the measure now before the Legislature, the indorsement is by no means unanimous.

There are some Legionnaires who believe the constitutional amendment to be voted on by the Legislature next fall is too sweeping in its provisions and will result disastrously.

However, the amendment would sweep away all requirements for veterans in the matter of percentages in civil service examinations providing they attain a passing mark of 70 or more, and would give them the same standing as a non-veteran, even though his percentage be much higher.

This is much too drastic, the opponents of the measure believe, because it fails to provide men of the highest efficiency for government positions.

They declare that it would be wise to credit the veteran with 5 or 10 points in the examination.

However, the Legion's members have pledged themselves to stand together on questions of this sort, and if the vote body determines to continue the campaign for the passage and adoption of the amendment the organization probably will be found campaigning for it. All the posts in the state are communicating now their representatives to the Legislature to determine how they stand on the issue.

Advise Membership Committee
The Manhattan Naval Post, which has taken an active part in the affairs of the Legion, has made a recommendation to the state membership committee, which it believes should be followed immediately.

This post has determined, according to Harold M. Schwab, its past commander, that the chief reason given by ex-service men who have not joined the Legion for staying out of its ranks is that the Legion is opposed to organized labor, who recently was sentenced to five years in Leavenworth Penitentiary, will go into the United States Court in Kansas and begin his fight to be released. A resolution has been passed by the post calling on National Commander Galbraith to oppose the release of Bergdall and urging the Kansas state commander to have a representative in court when the proceedings begin.

This resolution will be presented to the New York County Committee when it meets Wednesday night.

Honors for American Dead
The grave of every American soldier who rests in European soil will be decorated on Memorial Day, according to Francis E. Drake, commander of the American Legion in France, who recently sailed for that country.

Owing to the internationalization of the American Memorial Day as a tribute to the fallen of the A. E. F. by the recently formed International Council of Veterans' Associations, which embraces men of all Allied nations, the ceremonies will be much more extensive than those of last year, when the Legion alone attempted to honor the graves of American fallen on foreign soil.

Hospital No. 1, this city, is asked to communicate with Thomas N. Moore, of 8 Rhodes Avenue, Lynn, Mass.

POST ACTIVITIES
Murray Hill Post will meet to-morrow night at its new headquarters, St. Agnes School Hall, 136 East Forty-fourth Street.

All ex-enlisted men of the 302d Field Signal Battalion are asked to attend the dinner to be given by that outfit to-morrow night at division headquarters, 27 West Twenty-fifth Street. Communicate with Lieutenant Cotter.

Forty-ninth Infantry Post will meet to-morrow evening at Pepper's Casino, 201 East Sixty-seventh Street.

Official War Department motion pictures of the 304th Infantry in action in France will be shown at a meeting of 306th Infantry Post in the Hotel Pennsylvania March 2.

The annual winter dance of Lieutenant Laurence C. Lovell Post will be given at the Hotel Borsert, Brooklyn, on February 18. Tickets may be obtained from Charles R. Arents, 369 Washington Avenue, Brooklyn.

New officers of Michael Spitelnik Post are: Commander, Charles Lebowitz; vice-commanders, Dr. Pizar Jacoby, Ralph Phillips and A. Miller; treasurer, J. Sherif; adjutant, Ray Spitelnik. Members of the post have contributed \$230 for the erection of a memorial tablet in the Borough Park Y. M. H. A. Building.

The Warren C. Condit Post will hold a dance Saturday night at its clubhouse, 133 Crystal Street, Brooklyn.

John M. Hennessey Post meets to-night at Eagle's Hall, Metropolitan Theater Building, 142d Street and Third Avenue.

Army and Navy Musicians' Post has organized a band and symphony orchestra and is prepared to provide music for functions conducted by Legionnaires. Communicate with Commander William A. Roche, 200 East Eighty-fifth Street.

Members of Arthur Egbert Post will entertain at a social to-night at Doyre Mountain Hall, Port Richmond, S. I.

LEGION AUXILIARY NOTES
The following officers have been elected by the auxiliary of George Dahlbender Post: President, Miss Alice E. Grossman; vice-president, Miss Rose Grossman; treasurer, Mrs. Philip K. Levy; secretary, Miss A. Wolfe. The auxiliary will meet to-night at the home of Mrs. W. H. Kinaird, 1302 Franklin Avenue.

Walter Heckman Post's auxiliary will meet to-night at the Vesper Club, Tremont and Bathgate avenues, when the arrangements for a dance to be given soon will be completed.

All the auxiliaries of Bronx County are taking an active part in the raising of funds to buy for the memorial plaques, which are to be placed on trees along the Grand Concourse. The Legion proposes to erect this memorial without outside help.

LEGION NOTES
The Legion is establishing employment agencies and aiding ex-service men during the present low tide of industry. A national survey of unemployment is being made by The American Legion Weekly, and all posts have been encouraged to establish employment agencies.

More than 200 answers to the memorial calling attention to the situation which surrounds the rehabilitation of disabled veterans, presented to the President, President-elect and Congress, have been received at national headquarters. In almost every instance the Senators and Representatives wrote that they would support the Legion's program for reform of the rehabilitation system.

Paris, France, Post of the Legion has started a campaign to hold the 1922 Legion convention in Paris.

Mary Garden Here Seeking Peace in Opera

Can See no Reason for the Jealousy Between Chicago and Metropolitan Houses: Appears To-morrow Night

Wants to Hear "Louise"

Chorus Girl "Dies" for Director in Chicago so She Can Beat Company to N. Y.

Mary Garden, director of the Chicago Grand Opera Company, got to New York at 5:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon, several hours ahead of the special trains carrying the rest of her company, although she had to leave a chorus girl "dead" on the stage in Chicago to do it. She wanted to get here early, she said, and rest up in preparation for her opening at the Manhattan Opera House to-morrow, and the chorus girl was glad to die for her.

The trouble was that in order to reach New York at 5:30 o'clock the director-star had to leave Chicago immediately after the second act of the opera in which she was singing there Saturday night. Luckily she was to be killed in the second act and although her corpse was to be kept over to adorn the stage in the third act, it occurred to her that a chorus girl could play a corpse just as well as she could. So when the curtain rose on the third act, the erstwhile corpse was on her way to New York and a substitute corpse entertained the audience.

Ready for Peace
At the Ritz-Carlton Hotel, where she is staying in this city, Miss Garden said last night she had come in the hope of making friends with her rivals at the Metropolitan Opera House. She saw no reason, she said, for the jealousy which had shown itself at times between members of the two companies. For her part, she said, she would like to meet Mr. Gatti-Casazza, and she would like to see Toscanini conductor of her own company. Most of all, she said, she would like to hear "Louise" sung at the Metropolitan this week, and she was going to do it if she could manage it, for it was her favorite opera.

Awaits American Opera
Her own company, she said, would sing no Wagnerian operas during the New York engagement nor at any time until they could be sung in German. Opera should be sung in the language in which it was written, she said, and in no other. She would like to produce at least one American opera in English every year, she said and would do it too "as soon as the American comes along who can write it."

One reason that she made so good an opera director, she thought was that she was sensitive to this and other artistic points and was able to comprehend the difficulties and sympathize with the whimsies of her artists. For her business manager, she announced, she had obtained Mr. Spangler, formerly of the Chicago Commerce Association.

She said that she was in favor of prohibition and was writing an article on the subject in her spare moments.

"Samson et Dalila" Sung As Metropolitan Concert

Opera, Divested of Elaborate Settings, Is Presented by a Notable Cast

"Samson et Dalila" was sung in concert form last evening at the Metropolitan Opera House in place of the usual miscellaneous Sunday night program. It enlisted the entire orchestra and chorus of the institution, with a cast headed by Mme. Matzenauer, replacing Miss Jeanne Gordon, who was prevented by a cold from participating.

Mr. Sembach was in the part of Samson, Mr. Amato, the High Priest; Mr. Richter, the Old Hebrew, and others in roles familiar to them. The cast was under the authoritative leadership of Conductor Albert Wolff.

The opera has been given in this manner here before, and in many years has it had a hearing at the Metropolitan divested of the elaborate settings which usually accompany its presentation there. It is a score which can dispense with stage trappings and action better than most others because of the predominance in it of sustained song, and was heard last night by a large audience with every evidence of interest.

Josef Lhevinne Is Soloist At Concert of Philharmonic
Josef Lhevinne was the soloist at the concert given by the Philharmonic Society yesterday afternoon at Carnegie Hall. He gave a clean cut, wholly admirable performance of Liszt's concerto for pianoforte and orchestra, No. 1 in E flat major.

The other numbers on the program were equally familiar. Schumann's first symphony in B flat major, op. 28, repeated from last Friday's concert, by the same organization, Smetana's symphonic poem "Vltava" and Tchaikovsky's "Caucasian Sketches." The orchestra was at its best and Mr. Strinsky conducted with more plasticity and eloquence than usual.

Tetrazzini at Hippodrome
Mme. Luisa Tetrazzini made her second appearance of the season at the Hippodrome last evening. She was assisted by Francesco Longo, pianist; Max Gogna, cellist, and J. Henri Doye, flautist. Mme. Tetrazzini's numbers included arias from "Mignon," "Dinorah" and "La Sonnambula." She was in good voice and displayed her usual graciousness in the matter of receiving.

Kisses and Tears Of Girl Wipe Out Flag Desecration

Immigrant Proudly Buys 'Kerchief Adorned With Emblem, Uses It in Emergency and Is Cautious

Chia Bershadskia, a Hebrew girl, twenty-two years old, thought she was doing a proper thing when she bought from the barber of the Anchor liner Saturnia a small handkerchief decorated in its four corners with American flags.

On the way from Kishinev to Cherbourg she talked about America and her father Isaiah, who lived there, and how happy she was over the prospect of coming here to live.

Somewhere out in mid-Atlantic one of her companions told her of the curio shop of the ship's barber and she ventured there to buy something. She saw many things that caught her fancy, but limited her purchase to the souvenir handkerchief with flag emblem.

The barber sold the handkerchief without instructions as to its limited use, and this oversight yesterday when she came ashore from the Saturnia.

A cold in the head augmented by

tears of joy on meeting her father caused Chia to draw the emblematic purchase from her pocket and use it as one would use a real handkerchief, but her act aroused the ire of a customs inspector, who was examining her baggage. Through an interpreter he informed Chia that such use of the American flag was offensive to Americans and was a violation of law.

Isaiah, the father, who caught the drift of the inspector's protest, also admonished Chia, and just to show that the Bershadskia family meant well kissed the flag a dozen times. Then Chia kissed it and poured more tears into it, until presently the identity of the American flag was entirely lost by the intermingling of red stripes and blue held over a moist fabric of purple.

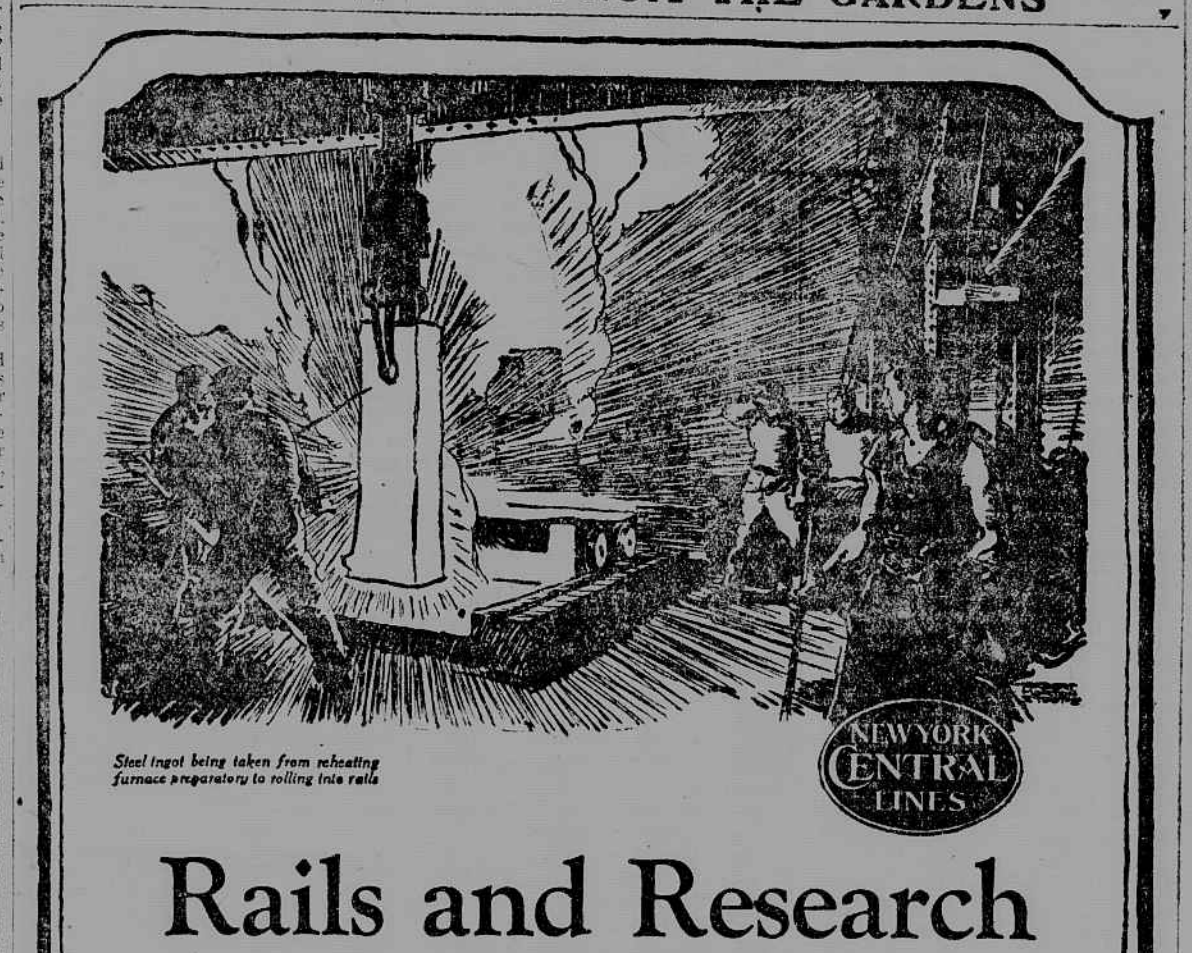
The Saturnia, which carried only steerage passengers, had among her travelers, Mrs. Suradina Malzman, forty-five years old, who came from the Ukraine with five children, four of whom were of school age.

The woman was met at the pier by her daughter Rosa, a pharmacist of this city, whom she had not seen in eight years. The hardships of war and privation had so changed the mother that the daughter did not recognize her. The family was ordered to Ellis Island, but will probably be permitted to land when relatives in this city give bond that the children will be educated and that none will become a public charge.

Berlin Receives Tokio Envoy

BERLIN, Jan. 23.—Eki Hiki, the new Japanese Ambassador to Germany, yesterday presented his credentials to President Ebert.

The Fragrance of "SALADA" TEA
Anticipates its Exquisite Flavor PURE TO A LEAF AND FRESH FROM THE GARDENS



Rails and Research
THE New York Central Lines have placed orders for 184,275 tons of heavy open-hearth rails, enough to lay a new single track from St. Louis to New York.

In the New York Central research laboratories, out of the experience of never-ending road tests, has been developed the highest type of rail used in this country.

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When fabricated, the rails are subjected at the steel mills to exacting tests in machines of scientific precision. These tests are for the purpose of making certain that the finished rails are as nearly flawless as it is humanly possible to make them and will withstand the strains of the heaviest traffic.

The 1921 rail order is an important part of the program of after-war rehabilitation undertaken by these Lines in order that they may efficiently perform a maximum share of the work of national transportation.

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NEW YORK CENTRAL AND SUBSIDIARY LINES

The National Thrift Movement

This Is Second Week of a 52 Week Campaign

In my letter published last Friday I closed by saying:

"If you want to know why we must depend upon creating a new class of investors, and if you want to help in creating better business conditions, you can read a letter that I will publish in the papers on Monday."

However, I have been asked by those interested in the Thrift Movement to devote this letter to further Organization Work—and I am glad to comply.

While at present I am writing these letters over my own signature, this is not because there are not plenty of people other than myself interested in this movement, but because there are in addition to several organized movements a great many other groups in the process of organization.

Their plans have not progressed far enough to choose either their spokesman or to formulate definitely their plans, nor even to determine whether they had best work independently, or amalgamate their efforts. Some of these groups are national in character, with members scattered from coast to coast, and therefore will be unable to complete their plans until the date of their annual conventions.

I have therefore been asked to act as spokesman for the present and endeavor not only to sustain but to stimulate public interest.

I have been particularly requested to say what I have said before—that there is no problem that this country faces which would not be solved, or greatly simplified, by making Thrift and Investment a general practice in America. Lack of space does not permit me to go into details, but I have been requested to ask everyone now interested in any organized form of improvement work, whether it may have morality, charity, Americanization or something else as its object, if they have carefully considered the part which Thrift and Investment will contribute to their objective, and, if desirous of adopting, or even of investigating the matter, to write me and I will see that the letter finds its way to the proper group.

The publishers of the Business Papers are one of the groups now in the process of organization. As you probably know, every separate line of business has one or more publications devoted exclusively to its particular line. Each employer, be he big or little, looks to his particular business paper for guidance. These publishers believe that they can contribute greatly to this work by getting each employer, in turn, to organize his employees to save and to invest their money.

On Friday, January 21st, a group of these men met and arranged to call a special meeting for this present week to organize, and sent the following telegram to the national headquarters of both the Young Men's Christian Association and the Knights of Columbus so the work would be maintained until they could get into action:

"We strongly urge that the splendid work of the Thrift Campaign be continued by the maintenance of the committees now organized and that they make immediate effort to get employers to start thrift and investment campaigns among their men. We endorse and will support editorially the thrift and investment idea and will recommend similar action by other business publications."

- American Machinist,
- Atlantic Coast Merchant,
- Automotive Industries,
- Boot and Shoe Recorder,
- Chemical and Metallurgical Engineering,
- Coal Age,
- Commercial Vehicle,
- Distribution and Warehousing,
- Dry Goods Economist,
- Drygoodsman,
- Dry Goods Reporter,
- El Automovil Americano,
- Electric Railway Journal,
- Electrical Merchandising,
- Electrical World,
- Engineering and Mining Journal,
- Engineering News Record,
- The Gas Age,
- Hardware Age,
- Ingenieria Internacional,
- Iron Age,
- Journal of Electricity,
- Lumber,
- Motor Age,
- Motor Boat,
- Motor World,
- Oil Trade Journal,
- Optical Journal,
- Pacific Coast Merchant,
- Power,
- Tire Rate Book.

I am not only willing to assist any other groups that may become interested in this work but will be extremely glad to do so.

Yours cordially,
HENRY L. DOHERTY,
60 Wall Street,
New York.

HARRIMAN NATIONAL BANK
Fifth Avenue and 44th Street
NEW YORK

Two Years Late!
Reviewing and forecasting the situation at a recent banquet, one of our financiers remarked: "The situation today demands above all things wise and courageous leadership, and behind it the intelligent operation of constructive forces." Quite so. This echoes the Harriman National Bank's inquiry for a leader, December 24 last. But the Armistice is more than two years old. It was known then in intelligent quarters that these things were necessary to the preservation of our foreign trade. The reason for this long delay of action is explained by the chairman of a certain committee of the Chamber of Commerce in a letter to the Harriman National Bank: "Unfortunately the spirit of optimism warped the judgment of most of our bankers and merchants to such an extent that they did not realize lurking dangers. The penalty for our inaction will probably be the loss to this country of the financial and commercial leadership of the world." Perhaps a thousand years from now, when we may possibly again have the opportunity, we may be fortunate enough to obtain the "wise and courageous leadership" which we are told the situation today demands. What a far-sighted lot we are and how Providence takes care of us! However, perhaps Providence is the "wise and courageous leadership" referred to. Two years late getting into the war; two years late making peace; and two years preparing for something we absolutely knew would happen. Well,—let us proceed!

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